

RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Agreement signed at Rome January 3, 1948, with annex

Entered into force January 3, 1948

Extended by agreement of December 30, 1948¹

Expired June 30, 1949

62 Stat. 1807; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 1678

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITALY

The GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and the GOVERNMENT OF ITALY,

Considering the desire of the people of the United States of America to provide immediate assistance to the people of Italy, and

Considering that the enactment by the United States of America of the Foreign Aid Act of 1947² (hereinafter referred to as the Act) provides the basis of such assistance to the people of Italy, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Government of the United States of America will, subject to the provisions of the Act and of appropriation acts thereunder and of this Agreement, aid the people of Italy by making available such commodities (including storage, transportation, and shipping services related thereto) or by providing for the procurement thereof through credits under the control of the Government of the United States of America, to the Government of Italy or to any person, agency, or organization designated to act on behalf of the Government of Italy, as may from time to time be requested by the Government of Italy and authorized by the Act and by the Government of the United States of America. This Agreement, however, implies no present or future obligation upon the Government of the United States of America to give assistance to the people of Italy, nor does it imply or guarantee the availability of any specific commodities or categories of commodities, nor shall it imply the payment by the Government of the United States of America for any storage, transportation, handling, or shipping services within Italy.

2. All commodities made available pursuant to this Agreement will be procured in the United States of America, unless permitted to be procured elsewhere under the provisions of Section 4 of the Act and unless otherwise

¹ 62 Stat. 3650; TIAS 1885.

² 61 Stat. 934.

expressly agreed between the two Governments. Petroleum and petroleum products will, to the maximum extent practicable, be procured from sources outside of the United States of America and will be transported to Italy by the most economical route from the source of supply.

ARTICLE II

The Government of Italy, having been fully informed as to the provisions of the Act, hereby affirms that it accepts and will perform the undertakings specified in Section 5 thereof, as well as those provided for in Section 7 of the Act insofar as action by it may be required for implementation of such latter Section.

ARTICLE III

1. The Government of the United States of America, pursuant to the requirements of Section 6 of the Act, reserves the right at any time to terminate its aid provided under Article I, paragraph 1, of this Agreement.

2. This Agreement, together with the Annex attached thereto, shall take effect on the date of its signature and shall apply to all commodities made available to the Government of Italy under the Act. It shall remain in effect until December 31, 1948, or such earlier date as may be agreed by the two Governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose, have affixed their respective signatures to this Agreement.

DONE at Rome, in duplicate, in the English and Italian languages, this Third day of January 1948.

For the Government of the United States of America

JAMES CLEMENT DUNN

For the Italian Government

DE GASPERI
SFORZA

ANNEX

SECTION I

1. In the case of any commodity made available pursuant to this Agreement or in the case of credits established under the Act being debited pursuant thereto in respect to the furnishing of any such commodity, the Government of Italy will, forthwith upon notification by the Government of the United States of America, deposit in a special account in the Bank of Italy in the name of the Government of Italy, an amount in Italian currency equivalent to the dollar amount stated in the notification. The amount

so stated will be either the dollar cost in respect to such commodity (including storage, transportation, and shipping services related thereto) which is indicated as chargeable to appropriations under the Act, or the amount of the debit, as the case may be. The amount deposited in Italian currency will be computed at the most favorable rate of exchange in terms of United States dollars, authorized under the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund,³ then applicable to imports of any commodity into Italy.

2. The funds in such special account, or prior advances in agreed amounts, will be used for administrative expenses of the Government of the United States of America, in Italian currency, incident to its operations within Italy under this Agreement. The remainder of such funds may be used for the following additional purposes:

(a) for effective retirement of the national debt of Italy or for irrevocable withdrawal of currency from circulation, and

(b) for such other purposes, including measures to promote the stabilization of Italian currency, as may hereafter be mutually agreed by the two Governments.

3. Any unencumbered balance remaining in such account on June 30, 1948 will be disposed of within Italy for such purposes as may hereafter be agreed between the two Governments, it being understood that the agreement of the United States of America is subject to approval by Act or Joint Resolution of the Congress.

4. The provisions of this Section shall remain in effect until superseded by a further Agreement between the two Governments.

SECTION II

Any commodities made available under this Agreement by the Government of the United States of America, unless substantially altered from the form in which furnished, and substantially identical commodities within Italy from whatever source procured, will not be removed or permitted to be removed from the territory of the Government of Italy, unless it is agreed between the two Governments that such commodities are no longer needed in Italy or that the export of such commodities would yield a commensurate benefit, not inconsistent with the purposes of the Act as set forth in Section 2 thereof, to the economy of Italy, or unless otherwise expressly agreed between the two Governments.

SECTION III

The Government of Italy will furnish such statements and information relating to operations under this Agreement as may from time to time be requested by the Government of the United States of America.

³ TIAS 1501, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 1351.